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to him by the lugoslav authorities (in Split). He was permitted to visit every island except !lijet. The ship stood off beyond observation distance from Mjet, and the Captain volunteered the information that the island is an extremely restricted area. In the absence of the Captain, informant was able to gain access to the wheelhouse by dispensing cigarettes and chocolate. and stated that the trip was fairly dangerous because of heavy mine fields between the individual islands, and the islands and the mainland, with the exception of very narrow clear lanes.

2. The ship docked for engine repairs at Korcula, and informant spent an entire day walking about the island. In an unpopulated area along the coast he observed a well-concealed shippard, and several torpedo boats in various phases of construction. These boats closely resembled United States World War II models. The shipyard appeared to be modern and efficiently run. At sea, outside of the Korcula harbor, maneuvering in formation at high speed. The highest identity number on the boats was 134.

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3. outside the town. Upon this occasion he came upon a tank in firing position. Using the excuse of not knowing his way to the next village, he approached an enlisted member of the crew and was able to determine with accuracy that although the tank was the standard Soviet medium, the gun was a long barreled 90 mm. model. The soldier stated that it was manufactured in Yugoslavia. A Yugoslav officer broke up the conversation and reprimanded the soldier, but was courteous enough in supplying the requested road

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